



Frequently Asked Questions About the Tourism Infrastructure Investment Program (TIIP) Grants 2014

Who is eligible to apply?

Any organization officially recognized by the IRS as having a non-profit status. Montana Indian tribes, cities and counties are considered qualifying tourism-related, nonprofit groups for the purposes of applying for participation in TIIP.

What is the required match?

The required match is 2:1. For every two dollars of grant money being requested, the sponsor must provide at least one dollar.

The match must be in “hard” dollars. In-kind services will not be considered as part of the required hard match amount.

Money that has been put toward the project during the 12 months prior to the application deadline (July 2013-August 1, 2014) may be considered as part of the hard match.

What are the grant amounts?

The grants can range from the minimum of \$20,000 to the maximum amount available for the TIIP grants in any given year. The amount of 2014 TIIP Grant funds will be determined by June 2014. Applicants should check with the Montana Office of Tourism in June to confirm the grant fund amount.

How Do I get a TIIP Application?

Contact Montana Office of Tourism’s Tourism Development & Education Program, 406-841-2795, FAX 406-841-2871, vbjornberg@mt.gov. Current, updated application forms are available in March of each year. TIIP applications,

guidelines, funding history and other program information is available electronically at <http://travelmontana.mt.gov/forms/>

When is the application deadline?

Completed applications must be received at Montana Office of Tourism, Department of Commerce, 301 South Park Avenue, Helena, MT 59620-0533 by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 1, 2014. No Late or Incomplete Applications will be considered.

What types of projects are eligible?

TIIP funds are to be used for “brick and mortar” projects. They cannot be used for marketing or ongoing operating expenses. Types of usage that would be allowed include, but are not limited to, project construction costs associated with building new and/or remodeling or preserving existing tourism and recreation attractions, historical sites and artifacts; costs associated with purchasing new and/or existing tourism and recreation attractions, historical sites and artifacts; and equipment purchased for specific tourism project operation.

What types of projects score high?

Projects that score high usually fall into one or more of these three categories:

1. Projects that clearly demonstrate their role as a tourism & recreation attraction in their community and region, and the benefits the project will provide through maintaining or expanding this visitor attraction.
2. All project funding is in place and TIIP Grant funding will complete a project rather than provide “seed money” to start a project.
3. The urgency and need of the tourism-related project is clearly demonstrated (i.e. the proposed project focuses on urgent repairs and/or stabilization to a recognized cultural, historical, interpretive and/or other tourism-related resource that would be lost or damaged without this work).

What types of projects score low?

All infrastructure needs are important and each project application is judged on the merits of the information provided in the application. Projects that retain or attract visitors – out of state visitors and Montanans from outside the community – based upon cultural, historical, or interpretive significance have scored higher than projects where people may stop briefly and be pointed to other attractions in the area. Historically, projects that have scored lower in the process have included visitor information centers, stand alone public restroom facilities, and primarily local use facilities. Lower priority may be given to projects submitted by state and federal agencies or projects that received TIIP funds within the previous 5 years.

What is the timeline for the selection process?

Applications are due to the Montana Office of Tourism on August 1, 2014. The TIIP committee reviews and scores the applications and makes a recommendation to the Tourism Advisory Council (TAC) at their October meeting. The TAC then makes a recommendation to the Montana Commerce Director who makes the final decision. TIIP Grant funding decisions are usually announced in mid to late October. All applicants are then notified of the status of their application.

How long does the recipient have to invest his grant funds?

Grant funds must be spent within 18 months of signing the contract. Contracts are usually signed in December.

What projects have been funded?

2013 TIIP Grant Awards: \$500,000

\$54,000	Yellowstone Wildlife Sanctuary, Improvements to Facility Walkways, Grounds and Signage, Red Lodge
\$20,111	Hamilton Players, Inc., Purchase and Installation of Updated Theater Equipment, Hamilton.
\$80,000	Blackfeet Tribe, Improvements to Chewing Blackbones Campground, St. Mary.
\$34,266	Fort Belknap Indian Community/Island Mountain Development Group, Construction and Installation of Public Facilities at various Locations, Fort Belknap Reservation.
\$132,586	Bridger Bowl, Inc., Construction of the Alpine Cabin, Bozeman.
\$45,310	Prairie County Museum, Building Water Mitigation Project, Terry.
\$20,000	Judith River Foundation/Great Plains Dinosaur Museum, Purchase and installation of New Interior and Exterior Displays, Malta.
\$113,727	Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes, Restoration of Historic Poplar Agency Indian Boarding School Dining Hall, Poplar.

2012 TIIP Grant Awards: \$550,000

\$25,715	Daly Mansion Preservation Trust, Front Porch Restoration, Hamilton
\$51,286	Lewistown Art Center, Re-roofing and building upgrades, Lewistown
\$21,527	Cooke City Community Council, Cooke City Montana Museum Exhibits, Cooke City
\$27,882	National Smokejumper Center, Renovation and Construction of Volunteer Housing, West Yellowstone
\$60,000	Town of Whitehall, Whitehall Rodeo Grounds Improvements, Whitehall

\$80,000	Polson Fairgrounds, Inc., Grandstand Reconstruction Project, Polson
\$62,475	Evelyn Cameron Heritage Inc., Evelyn Cameron Heritage Center Phase II Renovation Project, Terry
\$66,114	Ninepipes Museum of Early Montana, Purchase Museum Building and Land, Charlo
\$65,000	Helena Presents/The Myrna Loy Center, Film and Live Performance Equipment Upgrades, Helena
\$47,770	City of Shelby, Champion Park Phase I, Shelby
\$22,000	Bitterroot Cross Country Ski Club, Ski Trail Grooming Equipment Purchase, Bitterroot Valley
\$20,231	ZooMontana, Living Wall Project, Billings

2011 TIIP Grant Awards: \$530,000

\$75,000	Pine Butte Guest Ranch (The Nature Conservancy of Montana), New Waste Water System to Protect Rocky Mountain Front Water Quality, Choteau
\$44,500	World Museum of Mining, Public Access to Orphan Girl Headframe, Butte
\$36,800	Community Works, Inc., Outdoor Interactive Exhibits and Equipment at Exploration Works Museum of Science and Culture, Helena
\$22,333	Huntley Project Museum, Relocate Buildings to Historic Town Site Display, Huntley
\$75,000	Ursuline Centre Historical Foundation, Ursuline Centre Masonry Restoration Project, Great Falls
\$32,289	NW Montana Historical Society, "History of the Flathead Valley" Exhibit, Kalispell
\$46,378	HiLine Youth Hockey Association, Valley Event Center Elevator & Foyer Project, Glasgow
\$20,100	Carbon County Historical Society & Museum, Complete Mining Exhibit, Red Lodge
\$50,000	Missoula Downtown Association, Caras Park Pavilion Improvements, Missoula
\$27,600	Children's Museum of NE Montana, Renovate second floor mezzanine for museum use, Glasgow
\$50,000	Two Medicine Dinosaur Center, Construct second floor mezzanine for program and event space, Bynum
\$50,000	Big Sky Community Corporation, Big Sky Community Park Event and Activity Area, Big Sky

2010 TIIP Grant Awards: \$300,000

\$24,000	Evelyn Cameron Heritage Inc, for Evelyn Cameron Cultural Center (Rialto Theater building) Initial Main Floor Renovation, Terry
\$60,933	Phillips County Historical Society for historical restoration of

	the H.G. Robinson House, Malta
\$40,000	Big Horn County Historical Society for building expansion and renovation at the Big Horn County Museum, Hardin
\$65,000	Bannack Association & Historic Lodge No. 3-7-77 of Ancient Free & Accepted Masons for construction of a multi-use Group Shelter, Bannack State Park (Dillon)
\$20,000	Prairie County Museum for preservation and improvements to the buildings housing the Prairie County Museum and Evelyn Cameron Gallery, Terry
\$40,000	Great Falls Community Ice Foundation for insulation and radiant heat at the Great Falls Ice Plex, Great Falls
\$50,067	Emerson Arts and Cultural Center for Crawford Theater roof Replacement, Bozeman

2009 Grant Awards: \$289,676

\$66,667	Hill County's Buffalo Jump Preservation Project at the Wahkpa Chu'gn Buffalo Jump Site, Havre.
\$60,000	River & Plains Society Inc.'s reconstruction of the Bourgeois House at Old Fort Benton, Fort Benton.
\$50,000	Wolf Point Area Historical Society's Museum Relocation Project, Wolf Point
\$50,000	Historical Museum at Fort Missoula's replacement of a boiler at the historic Post Headquarters building, Missoula.
\$34,100	Powell County Museum & Arts Foundation's Milwaukee Railroad Exhibit & Museum, Deer Lodge.
\$29,000	Western Heritage Center's replacement of an old boiler and installation of humidity control equipment, Billings.

2008 Grant Awards: \$300,000

\$67,270	Museum of the Rockies, design, construction and installation of Explore Yellowstone: Children's Discovery Center, Bozeman
\$25,190	International Choral Festival, inflatable sound shell, risers and transport trailer, Missoula
\$63,770	Helena Presents/Myrna Loy Center, exterior and interior facility upgrades, signage and public art, Helena
\$67,270	Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center, design and construction of a new River Valley Wolf Habitat exhibit, West Yellowstone
\$46,500	Yellowstone Art Museum, Montana's first publicly accessible-interpreted permanent art collection storage facility, Billings
\$30,000	Rialto Community Theatre, Inc., installation of an elevator and carpeting, Deer Lodge

2007 Grant Awards: \$286,227

\$50,000	Blaine County Wildlife Museum/Blaine County Museum,
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	Wildlife Museum Moose-Grizzly Encounter Diorama, Chinook
\$50,000	Friends of the Hobson Library, Museum Project, Hobson
\$50,000	Judith River Foundation, Inc, The Great Plains Dinosaur Center, Malta
\$20,000	Musselshell Valley Historical Museum, Roofing Project, Roundup
\$30,000	Colter Pass, Cooke City, Silver Gate Chamber of Commerce, Shoofly Historical Center, Cooke City
\$66,227	The Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation, Powwow Grounds Renovation, Box Elder
\$20,000	Fort Belknap Indian Community Council, Horse Capture Community Park and Tourism Center Renovation & Improvements, Fort Belknap Agency

2006 Grant Awards: \$200,000

64,322	Charlie Russell Chew Choo Tour Train, Train Car Upgrade, Lewistown
\$27,000	Mission Valley Friends of the Arts, John Dowdall Theatre Renovation, Polson
\$20,693	Friends of the Pioneer Museum, Building Energy Efficiency Upgrade, Glasgow
\$27,985	Culbertson Museum Club, Inc., Exhibit/Event Building, Culbertson
\$20,000	Montana Shakespeare in the Parks, New Touring Van, Bozeman/Statewide
\$20,000	HiLine Youth Hockey Assoc., Valley Event Center, Glasgow
\$20,000	Judith Basin County, Utica Community Center, Utica

2005 Grant Awards: \$200,000

\$41,400	Conrad Mansion, Electrical Upgrade, Kalispell
\$50,000	Holter Museum of Art, Roof Renovation/Fire Suppression system, Helena
\$38,600	Makoshika Dinosaur Museum, Exhibit Expansion/Fire Suppression system, Glendive
\$20,000	Meagher County Historical Association, Window Restoration at Castle Museum, White Sulphur Springs
\$50,000	Missoula Art Museum, Grand Foyer of Renaissance, Renewal and Renovation Campaign, Missoula

2004 Grant Awards: \$200,000

\$48,360	Custer County Art & Heritage Center, Pump House Renovation, Miles City
\$109,740	HiLine Youth Hockey Association, Inc., Valley Event Center, Glasgow
\$20,500	Liberty Village Arts Center & Gallery, Roof & Siding

\$21,400 Project, Chester
Pondera History Association, Pondera County Museum,
Conrad

2003 Grant Awards: \$200,000

\$25,000 Beartooth Nature Center, Wildlife Access Project, Red
Lodge
\$50,000 Great Falls Baseball Foundation, Inc., Legion Park
Improvements, Great Falls
\$69,000 Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center, "Bears: Imagination &
Reality" Exhibit Building and Installation, West
Yellowstone
\$20,000 International Wildlife Film Festival & Media Center, Full
Public Access Facility Project, Missoula
\$36,000 Mission Valley Friends of the Arts, John Dowdall Theater
Safety & Access Project, Polson

2002 Grant Awards: \$150,000

\$50,000 Conrad Mansion Directors, Inc, Conrad Mansion roof
replacement, Kalispell
\$29,000 Childrens' Museum of Montana, Interior and Accessibility
Improvements, Great Falls
\$50,000 Livingston Depot Foundation, Livingston Depot Center
Structural Repair and Roof Replacement, Livingston
\$21,000 Phillips County Historical Society, Robinson House
Landscape Project, Malta

2001 Grant Awards: \$150,000

\$30,000 Northwest Montana Historical Society/Central School
Museum – Timber Products Industry History Exhibit,
Kalispell
\$43,415 Huntley Project Museum of Irrigated Agriculture – Completing main
museum facility construction and improvements, Huntley Project
\$76,585 Richland Youth Hockey, Inc. – completing construction
of an community and regional event center, Sidney

2000 Grant Awards: \$150,000

\$50,000 Daly Mansion Preservation Trust – Daly Mansion Restoration
Project, Hamilton
\$30,000 Miracle of America Museum, Inc. – Museum Building
Improvements, Polson
\$30,000 World Museum of Mining – The Orphan Girl Underground Exhibit,
Butte
\$20,000 Friends of Makoshika – Makoshika Group Picnic Shelter, Glendive
\$20,000 Hill County H. Earl Clack Museum, Wahkpa Chu'gn Archeological
Site Improvements, Havre

1999 Grant Awards: \$200,000

\$73,677	Rialto Community Theatre, Inc. -- Rialto Theatre Infrastructure Improvements, Deer Lodge
\$61,600	Blaine County Wildlife Museum/Blaine County Museum -- Wildlife Museum Building Improvements, Chinook
\$24,000	Billings Preservation Society, Inc./Moss Mansion -- Carriage House Reconstruction, Billings
\$20,361.50	Twin Bridges Historical Association -The Reid Building Renovation Museum & Archival Library, Twin Bridges
\$20,361.50	Friends of Savenac -- Historic Savenac Nursery Infrastructure Restoration, Haugan

1998 Grant Awards: \$150,000

\$56,105	Cascade County Historical Society-High Plains West Heritage Museum and Archives, Great Falls
\$48,850	Makoshika State Park Amphitheater Renovation, Friends of Makoshika, Glendive
\$45,000	Old Montana Prison 1912 Cell House Roof Replacement, Deer Lodge

1997 Grant Awards: \$199,160

\$55,000	Seeley/Swan Historical Museum and Visitor's Center, Seeley Lake Chamber of Commerce, Seeley Lake
\$44,026	Peaks to Plains Museum, Carbon County Historical Society, Red Lodge
\$38,435	Reconstruction of Historic Fort Benton, Fort Benton Restoration Committee, Fort Benton
\$37,000	ZooMontana: Plains Habitat Display - Initial Phase, Billings
\$24,699	Old Trail Museum -- Exhibit Upgrade, Completion and Infrastructure Stabilization, Choteau

1996 Grant Awards: \$350,000

\$95,500	Fort Peck Theater - Electrical System Upgrade, Fort Peck Fine Arts Council, Inc, Fort Peck
\$66,968	Montana Wildlife Rehabilitation Center & Nature Park, Mikal Kellner Foundation for Animals, Helena
\$60,000	Restoration of Virginia City's Hangmans Building, Virginia City Preservation Alliance, Virginia City
\$50,000	Yellowstone Art Museum - Expansion and Renovation, Billings.
\$47,532	Chief Plenty Coups House Interior Stabilization, Friends of Chief Plenty Coups, Pryor.
\$30,000	Charlie Russell Chew Choo Tour Train - Facility Improvements, Lewistown Chamber of Commerce

1995 Grant Awards: \$320,000

\$200,000	Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Center, Great Falls
\$50,000	New Phillips County Museum Facility, Phillips County Historical

	Society, Malta
\$50,000	Mission Center visitor facility, St. Mary's Mission, Stevensville
\$20,000	Recovery/Restoration Indian Pictographs at Pictograph Caves
	State Park, Yellowstone Western Heritage Center, Billings

Total TIIP Grant Awards: \$5,224,004

Total TIIP Project Costs: \$48,269,119

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